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about contracts in other cases of construction. And many times...and the question is, if this follows through, many times there are penalties built in if it isn't finished within a certain length of time, in order. If you have a subcontractor come in and can't perform in the time, he's going to end up being penalized if it's in the contract. And with your knowledge, do you know...have any idea if that's incorporated in a bid process for the individual? I'm sure that there's going to be inspectors and people with knowledge on hand to see that they're done properly. But do they have a time frame that they're going to have to get under?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yeah. Senator Vrtiska, what you're talking about is a clause is a contract called a liquidated damages clause. This really wouldn't have anything to do with that. That would be the contract between the producer of the plant and the general contractor, or between the general contractor and a subcontractor. You know, I think, to a certain extent, I will grant you that there are probably some aspects of an ethanol plant that are extremely technical. But I would have to say that, you know, the running of pipes and the pouring of footings and the construction of walls and...you know, I think generally it's not an unusual construction. And so while there might...the burner or the cooker or something might be fairly unique, I would have to say that the rest of the structure is pretty mainstream, and no different than a power plant or even a large building for that matter, you know, given the magnitude of pipes and that that go through a regular building. So to say that, oh, everything in that is highly specialized, I don't believe that. You know, to get back to your question, though, I don't...this amendment, this language in there, it simply opens it up that Nebraska workers can bid on it, and I wouldn't think it would have anything to do with the lateness issue that you're talking about.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, I understand what you're saying. But my concern was, in listening to the testimony yesterday, that if a contractor bid for this and he brought in subcontractors, I just wonder if there's any provision where he could make sure that he doesn't hold up the process because they don't get their job done on a timely manner, or if it maybe doesn't make any